

Selectmen's Meeting  
13 July 1998  
7:00pm

The scheduled Selectmen's meeting was called to order by the Chair, Allen Hines, at 7:00pm. Those present included George Lagassa & Jack Steiner (Selectmen), and Russell McAllister (Town Administrator).

The Selectmen reviewed the meeting minutes of June 22<sup>nd</sup> and Mr. Steiner voted to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

- Supplemental Tax Warrant - \$6,348.09
- Tax Abatement - Daniel & Bettian Donahue (House was burned by FD)
- Elderly Exemption – Lorin & Eleanor Raymond / Lillian O'Connor
- Veteran's Exemption – Carl Walker / Raymond & Lisa Belanger / Burrell York
- Blind Exemption - Frank Wolfsen
- Intent to Cut - Mill Place Realty, LLC
- Tax Map Updates & Digitizing Contract w/RPC - \$2,800
- Purchase Orders for Warrant Article (Police Cruisers) - \$41,610
- Seacoast MPO – Appointees Robert Landman
- Conservation Commission Grant contract wording
- DES Minor Impact Permit Application South Road - Seacoast Crossroads Realty

### **Topics of Discussion**

The TA briefed the Board on the status of various activities. The recent grant award for the Little River Salt Marsh Restoration Project hit a slight snag because of the contract language. Revised language was being prepared by the AG's office.

An invitation to attend a scheduled public hearing to hear representatives from Media One explain recent rate increases on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Winnacunnet High School was presented to the Board.

The TA briefed the Board about the Disaster Declaration in the county of Rockingham as a result of severe flooding on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Information packets detailing the application procedure for disaster relief were being sent to the Town by the NH Office of Emergency Management.

### **Introduction of Building Inspector**

Paul Charron, the Town's new Building Inspector, was introduced to the Board. Mr. Charron briefly described his experiences as a construction supervisor for various firms in Florida for those in attendance. The Board welcomed Mr. Charron aboard.

### **Performance Bond - Gregory Sancoff**

Mr. Steiner next briefed Board members about the slated commercial development of a parcel of property located on Route 1 across the street from Rollins Furniture. Mr. Steiner explained that Gregory Sancoff, a new resident in Town, was also locating his business in Town. Mr. Sancoff's business emphasizes research, design and development of hardware and software solutions for the health care industry. Mr. Lagassa asked if any medical waste byproduct would be generated by the business. Mr. Steiner replied that no medical wastes would be generated as a result of the business activity. In addition to the research facility Mr. Sancoff's development of the property would also include a 40-seat restaurant on a lower level that would serve his employees by day and the public by night. The Town was requiring Mr. Sancoff to post a performance bond in the amount of \$100k as part of the development. Mr. Steiner explained that a scheduled draw down of the posted bond by Mr. Sancoff would be allowed. Draw down of the bond would

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be associated with successful completion of specific site improvements. A bond would be necessary before a project start date.

**Selectmen Issues**

Mr. Lagassa reported that a final offer negotiated with Hampton Water Works was presented at a Planning Board meeting. Mr. Lagassa reported that there was a general consensus that favored the terms of the negotiated settlement among the members of the Planning Board. Water Commissioners were also present at the meeting. Mr. Lagassa explained that the terms of the agreement were built upon the original conditions in a negotiated setting and that the negotiated settlement represented a slight modification of the agreement approved by the Planning Board last year.

Mr. Steiner asked for a brief history of the section of Mill Road that ran from Atlantic Avenue to Hampton. Mr. Strout (DPW) reported that it had a long history that predated even his memory but, the DOT only performed minimal maintenance and was in favor of giving up the road to the Town. In exchange the DOT would pay the electric costs associated for the flashing lights located at the intersection of Route 11 and Post Road.

Mr. Steiner expressed some concern over the poor shape of the culvert located beneath Route 1 that the Little River flows through on its journey towards the sea. The restricted flow often leads to flooding of upstream properties. The TA agreed to contact DOT officials regarding the status of the culvert.

**Questions & Answers**

Mrs. Ellingwood expressed concern over the numbers of new businesses coming into Town because in many instances the sites they were locating on were not suitable to the intended use. Mrs. Ellingwood mentioned a local business that abutted her property. It was a restaurant and the septic system was failing. She claimed that effluent ran along her property boundary. Her concern was over e-coli bacteria and the health concerns associated with those conditions. Mr. Charron replied that he had been out to that very site during the day with a DES inspector whose responsibility was septic system approvals. The DES inspector and Mr. Charron had inspected the site and directed work activities that would bring the septic system in compliance with state requirements.

Mr. Bettcher (Water Commissioner) expressed concern over the composition and number of people on the NHNH bargaining team negotiating with the Hampton Water Works. Mr. Lagassa reported that members of the Board of Selectmen and the TA represented the Town during negotiation with HWW.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister  
Town Administrator